

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0024] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0024] When the housing elements 12, 14 are brought together with the ashes or other desired items contained there within as shown in Figure 3, the sacrificial ~~[[lips]]~~ rim portions 13 and 15 extending continuously around the outer periphery of the housing elements 12 and 14 respectively are aligned. The ~~[[lips]]~~ rim portions 13 and 15, form the location where the laser 30 is focused, which locally heats the lips 13 and 15 so as to melt them together, forming the welded seam 18 shown in Figure 4. The sacrificial ~~[[lips]]~~ rim portions 13 and 15 of the housing elements 12 and 14 are necessary otherwise the intensity of the laser would simply melt a hole, penetrating the thin metal of the capsule if the two housing elements 12 and 14 were simply conjoined along an edge.